

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2006
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Nancy Atkinson, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiber, Ray Spears, and Mark Steffen. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann, and Sr. Deputy Clerk Mary Jane Lucas. Scott Guenther was absent.

Ordinance 2006-08-11 Adopting the 2006/2007 Property Tax Rate –
Mr. Wichmann read the Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2006, AT THE RATE OF \$0.256 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE VALUATION THEREOF SO ASSESSED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

Mark Steffen stated that he felt the departments did a wonderful job with their spending and were not wasteful. He also agreed with Mr. Rolfes that the surplus should be used to pay down our debt, and he felt the tax increase is reasonable.

Mr. Schreiber reaffirmed his opinion that we were taking in enough money, more than we need. Discussion was held concerning our payroll tax and the comparison with it to other cities. Mr. Rolfes reminded council of the importance of paying back what we borrowed from the CIP reserve. Mr. Spears felt that revenue items, other than the property tax, would provide sufficient revenue to cover inflation. Mr. Henson stated the new rate of .256 was a small increase. Discussion was held concerning the funding of the CIP fund. Mr. Rolfes explained that we are presently transferring less money than what it calls for and advised the importance of properly accruing for the future. Mr. Schreiber suggested that we reevaluate what we are doing and look at what other cities are doing in their budget.

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2006-08-11; second by Mr. Steffen. Aye votes were recorded for Mr. Henson, Mr. Steffen, and Mrs. Atkinson; nay votes were recorded for Mr. Grady, Mr. Schreiber, and Mr. Spears. Mayor Link broke the tie and voted aye. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 3 nays.**

Pocket Park – Approval of Demolition Contractor

Council reviewed the contractor's bid list. Discussion was held concerning the city's cost of doing the demolition ourselves in comparison to the other proposals. Importance was placed on removing all material from the site. Mr. Rolfes requested that council authorize \$9,500.00 for the cost of demolition of the house and excavation of the property to be done by either the city or one of the two low bidders, based on their original proposal.

Mr. Grady made a **motion** to authorize \$9,500.00 for the cost of demolition and excavation of the property at 3002 Edge Mar Dr.; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Adjournment

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**